

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method performed on a processing device, comprising:
storing, via the processing device, a simulation version of a project baseline, the simulation version comprising first objects that define elements of the project baseline;
copying, via the processing device, the simulation version to create an operative version of the project baseline;
augmenting, via the processing device, the simulation version by associating second objects with the first objects, the first objects being separate from the second objects, and the first objects not changing when the simulation version is augmented thereby maintaining an original version of the project baseline despite subsequent baseline changes;
changing, via the processing device, the operative version by combining existing operative version data in the first objects in connection with changes to the simulation version from the second objects, the operative version comprising third objects that ~~are changed in accordance with the~~ correspond to combinations of first and second objects;
~~updating, via the processing device, wherein changes are effected to~~ a portion of the project baseline in the operative version that succeeds a time at which the operative version is changed; and

obtaining, via the processing device, an earned value for a project that corresponds to the updated project baseline, the earned value being obtained via the changed operative version.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the earned value is obtained based on an amount of work done on the project and a pre-assigned value for the project baseline.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the amount of work done corresponds to a portion of the project that has been completed.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein:
the project baseline comprises a number of tasks, each of the tasks having an assigned value; and

wherein obtaining the earned value comprises:

determining which of the tasks has been completed; and
combining assigned values for completed tasks.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein changing the operative version in connection with changes to the simulation version comprises:

augmenting the simulation version with a task, the task being defined by the second objects;

wherein the third objects account for the task prior to obtaining the earned value.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein augmenting comprises adding the second objects to the simulation version but keeping the second objects separate from the first objects.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein a portion of the operative version that precedes a time that the task is incorporated is unchanged.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein a portion of the operative version that succeeds a time that the task is incorporated is changed.

10. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the task is selected from among other tasks for mapping to the operative version.

11 to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory machine-readable medium that stores executable instructions which, when executed, cause a machine to:

store a simulation version of a project baseline, the simulation version comprising first objects that define elements of the project baseline;

copy the simulation version to create an operative version of the project baseline;

augment the simulation version by associating second objects with the first objects, the first objects being separate from the second objects, and the first objects not changing when the simulation version is augmented thereby maintaining an original version of the project baseline despite subsequent baseline changes;

change the operative version ~~in connection with~~ by combining existing operative version data in the first objects with changes to the simulation version from the second objects, the operative version comprising third objects that ~~are changed in accordance with the~~ correspond to combinations of first and second objects;

~~update~~ wherein changes are effected to a portion of the project baseline in the operative version that succeeds a time at which the operative version is changed; and

obtain, via the changed operative version, an earned value for a project that corresponds to the updated project baseline.

20. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the earned value is obtained based on an amount of work done on the project and a pre-assigned value for the project baseline.

21. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the amount of work done corresponds to a portion of the project that has been completed.

22. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein:

the project baseline comprises a number of tasks, each of the tasks having an assigned value; and

wherein obtaining the earned value comprises:

determining which of the tasks has been completed; and

combining assigned values for completed tasks.

23. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein changing the operative version in connection with changes to the simulation version comprises:

augmenting the simulation version with a task, the task being defined by the second objects;

wherein the third objects account for the task prior to obtaining the earned value.

24. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein augmenting comprises adding the second objects to the simulation version but keeping the second objects separate from the first objects.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein a portion of the operative version that precedes a time that the task is incorporated is unchanged.

27. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein a portion of the operative version that succeeds a time that the task is incorporated is changed.

28. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the task is selected from among other tasks for mapping to the operative version.

29 to 54. (Canceled)